

## EL PASO PREPARES TO MAKE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE IN RATES

### STATISTICS ON INSURANCE TO BE PREPARED

Committee Appointed by the  
Business Men to Present  
Real Facts to State Board.

### GOVERNOR IS WITH PEOPLE IN FIGHT

Declares Equity and Justice  
Must Prevail Before Rates  
Are Finally Approved.

In the action of the people of El Paso  
vs. the insurance companies of Texas,  
the plaintiffs are to be represented  
when the case is called by the state fire  
rating board on June 21 by senator  
Claude B. Hudepeth and former mayor  
J. U. Sweeney. Both have been retained  
as counsel for the people of El Paso,  
and a committee composed of A.  
Schwartz, H. D. Slater, B. Blumenthal,  
W. E. Anderson, and A. P. Colins, has  
been appointed to prepare extensive  
data showing the insurance situation in  
its true light as it exists in El Paso  
and to employ assistants to collect this  
data and prepare it for presentation  
to the fire rating board at Austin on  
June 21.

This was decided upon at the meeting  
of business men at the chamber of  
commerce Sunday morning. This meeting  
was attended by 49 earnest business  
and professional men, determined that  
the city should have justice at the  
hands of the insurance companies. As  
representative W. A. McGowan stated in  
his brief talk following senator Hud-  
epeth's report, the case was no longer  
one of law or legal points, but a ques-  
tion of facts and upon these facts the  
whole situation would find its solution.  
Equity is what the business men are  
asking for from the rating board and  
demanding from the insurance com-  
panies and, from the attitude of the  
governor and attorney general, the  
people may expect the fairest treatment  
from the state officials and the fire  
rating board when their case is called  
at Austin next Tuesday.

### To Give the Real Facts.

The data to be prepared for the in-  
formation of the rating board and  
which will be offered in evidence to  
support the plea of El Paso that the  
rates are out of all reason, will consist  
of figures showing the old rates as  
actually in effect before the rates made  
possible by the new fire insurance law  
were applied. Figures will also be  
submitted by the attorneys for the peo-  
ple showing the amount the fire in-  
surance companies collect from El Paso  
and the amount paid out in losses. De-  
tailed descriptions of all business risks  
are also to be obtained from the actu-  
ary's office. The co-insurance clause  
will also be analyzed in detail, the  
condition of the Mesa pumping station,  
which, although pronounced practically  
fireproof by some of the fire insurance  
special agents, is included in the key rates  
as a charge of ten cents, the amount  
charged property owners for permis-  
sion to repair and change buildings will  
also be submitted to the board as  
facts bearing upon the insurance situ-  
ation in El Paso. Photographs will be  
made of the business and residence  
districts and of the streets and large  
buildings being erected here, to show  
the rating board in a vivid way just  
exactly what the conditions are in El  
Paso as compared with those of the  
so-called frame-shack cities of east  
Texas.

The report of the Fire Underwriters  
journal which gives a number of in-  
correct figures will also be corrected by  
a special committee composed of elder-  
man Blumenthal and W. E. Anderson  
and made to show the exact status of  
the fire fighting facilities in the city.  
The committee of five will also urge

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## HAWKINS REFUSES TO RESIGN HIS OFFICE

Local Committee Plans Campaign and Calls for United  
Cooperation of Business Men—Mass of Data to Be  
Collected to Lay Before State Board  
Next Tuesday.

Insurance commissioner Hawkins is  
not going to resign. He says so in a  
telegram to The Herald. This paper  
sent him the following message Mon-  
day morning:

El Paso, Texas, June 13.  
Hon. William E. Hawkins,  
State Insurance Commissioner, Austin:  
Remember here you have resigned.  
Have you? Will you resign?

El Paso Herald.  
Here is the reply, short, but to the  
point.  
Austin, Texas, June 13.  
Herald, El Paso, Texas.

No.  
William E. Hawkins, Commissioner.  
A special telegram to The Herald  
from Austin, however, says:

"As a result of the attitude of com-  
missioner Hawkins of banking and in-  
surance, toward the proposal of the fire  
rating board to ask a suspension of the  
rates pending further action, governor  
Campbell today sent a formal request  
to Hawkins requesting his resignation.  
Hawkins promptly refused and is busy  
this afternoon preparing a statement  
giving his reasons."

### REPUBLICANS' CHANCES GOOD

The Prohibition Question in  
Texas Promises Well for  
the Party in the State.

### MAY LAND SEVERAL OF THEIR NOMINEES

Dallas, Tex., June 12.—The Republi-  
can state executive committee met here  
today for the purpose of selecting the  
place of meeting for the republican state  
convention and to discuss the personnel  
of the state ticket which will be put in  
the field in opposition to the Democrats.  
Dallas was selected as the place of  
holding the state convention of the Re-  
publican party this year by the execu-  
tive committee of that organization in  
session at the Southland hotel here  
this morning.

The date of the convention was fixed  
for August 9. All members of the com-  
mittee were present or represented by  
proxy except four. There was no con-  
test of any kind in the session.

Judge J. O. Terrell of San Antonio, a  
liberal Democrat, who has not hesitated  
to vote the Republican ticket when he  
felt like it, will probably be nominated  
for governor in July.  
The Republicans express the firm be-  
lief that the Democrats will nominate a  
prohibitionist, either Johnson or Poin-  
dexter, on a submission platform. It  
is believed that the case they are of  
that proves to be the case they are of  
the opinion that a strong Republican  
ticket would stand an excellent chance  
of winning at the fall election and would  
at least make the best showing the  
party has ever made in Texas.

In case submission is written in the  
platform and a prohibitionist should be  
nominated, the Republicans propose to  
make a hard fight in southwest Texas,  
especially to elect Republican state sen-  
ators and members of the house of rep-  
resentatives and to make a hard fight to  
defeat Garner in the 15th congressional  
district and Snyder in the 14th district.  
Joan Allen, assistant United States at-  
torney at Brownsville, has already been  
put out against Garner and as thousands  
of Republicans have moved into that  
district from Missouri, Kansas, Illinois  
and Indiana during the past year it is  
believed that he has an excellent chance  
of being elected.

Fort Worth and Dallas are both can-  
didates for the convention and one or  
the other, most probably Fort Worth,  
will be chosen. San Antonio wanted  
the convention, but was barred owing  
to the fact that it met at El Paso two  
years ago.  
"There will be a candidate for every  
state office," said state chairman Cecil  
A. Lyon this morning. "We expect to  
have candidates in every congressional  
district, every senatorial district and  
every legislative district. Many, and  
possibly most, of the counties of the  
state, will have candidates for the coun-  
ty offices. We are preparing this fall  
to make the most vigorous fight in the  
history of the Republican party in this  
state."

Much dissatisfaction is expressed  
among the Republicans here over the  
act of president Taft in appointing com-  
missioner Gordon, a Democrat, to the  
gubernatorial judgeship of the eastern district.  
Few want to be quoted in the matter,  
but there is no question but that Taft  
has lost many supporters in Texas by  
that act.

The mention of the name of former  
president Roosevelt is always to create  
enthusiasm. He would meet with a  
heavy support in this state in case he  
should desire to make the race for the  
Republican nomination two years from  
now.

### JUAREZ LANDS BIG CEMENT PLANT

Nearby Shales and Lime-  
stone Are Favorable to Its  
Establishment.

### GREAT FUTURE FOR CEMENT IN MEXICO

The Freeborn Engineering company  
of Kansas City, according to the Kan-  
sas City Star, has been awarded the  
contract for the construction of a large  
Portland cement plant at Juarez, state  
of Chihuahua, Mex., for the Interna-  
tional Cement company.

The personnel of the new company is  
not mentioned. However, it is said that  
under the supervision of E. H. Devore,  
a well known mining engineer, formerly  
of El Paso, considerable exploratory  
work and sampling has been going on  
in the mesas and foothills between the  
river and the mountains north of the  
city of Juarez, which the Mexicans call  
"La Cumbre," and that assurances have  
been given that operations are to be  
inaugurated soon in building a large  
plant.

Schuster Confirms Report.  
Bernard Schuster, one of the owners  
of the land on which the new plant is  
to be erected, stated to a Herald re-  
porter that the statement in the Kan-  
sas Star is correct and that operations  
in the construction of the plant will be  
commenced within the next 30 days. It  
will be erected on the level grounds  
above the city of Juarez about two  
miles from the old church and will  
have a capacity of 2000 barrels a day.  
A number of El Paso people are inter-  
ested, but the principal investors are  
Kansas capitalists, who are already  
largely interested in the manufacture  
of Portland cement.

Schuster states that the importations  
into Mexico last year amounted to 1-  
200,000 barrels and that the importations  
came mostly from Germany and  
Belgium. The duty on Portland cement  
is 75 cents gold, or one and one half  
dollars Mexican money, per barrel, and  
the duty from Mexico into the United  
States is 30 cents gold per barrel.

On the land surrounding the site of  
the new plant almost opposite old Ft.  
Bliss, are immense deposits of lime  
boulders and gravel that will be mined  
for the cement works, which analysts  
have shown are almost natural ce-  
ment. This will reduce the cost of  
mining to a minimum.

In addition to the lime which con-  
stitutes over 60 percent of the neces-  
sary ingredients of cement as shown by  
the analyses of the various cements  
made in the United States, the balance  
of the material used being aluminum  
and silica, and this is found in the  
quantities in the shales along the river  
bank and in the mountain south of  
Juarez on the lands of the new com-  
pany. These lands begin at the old in-  
ternational shore, which runs north  
and extend south westward to the  
mountains, known as the "Sierra del  
Paso del Norte" that loom up back of  
Juarez and contain about 2500 acres.

Analysis Is Favorable.  
Prof. K. K. Keck, chemist at the Daw-  
son coal mines, a few years ago made a  
detailed examination and analysis of the  
shales and limestones across the river  
west of the smelter for the purpose of  
presenting the data to German capiti-  
lists who were figuring on establishing  
cement factories in Mexico. In his re-  
port he said:

First: Thickness of limestone ex-  
posed, 75 feet, and probably extending  
down deeper; physical characteristics,  
hard and compact.

Analysis: Carbonate of calcium, 91.1  
percent; insoluble clay matter, 1.7 per-  
cent; soluble alumina and iron, 0.4 per-  
cent; magnesia, none.

Second: Thickness of shale, 100 feet  
where developed, and maybe much  
thicker below; physical characteristics,  
partly shaly and partly finely laminated.

Analysis: Carbonate of calcium, 8.1  
percent; insoluble clay matter, 74.9 per-  
cent; soluble alumina and iron oxide,  
5.3 percent.

### Mexico Wants Cement.

A. L. M. Gottschalk, United States  
consul general at Mexico City, says:  
"There is practically an unlimited fu-  
ture for the use of concrete as a build-  
ing material in Mexico, especially for  
the hollow concrete block. There are  
over 20 manufacturers of concrete  
blocks or ornamental work in Mexico  
City alone. Ornamental cement work is  
gradually supplanting the old-fash-  
ioned carved stone work which charac-  
terized all previous buildings until  
recently. Sewer pipes, concrete roof-  
ing, reinforced cement buildings and  
foundations are in increasing demand.  
There are at present three cement  
manufacturing plants in Mexico, one in  
Dublin, state of Hidalgo; one in the  
outskirts of Mexico City and a third in  
Monterrey. The Dublin plant, originally  
with a capacity of 1000 barrels a month,  
has been increased to 1000 barrels per  
day.

### Large Importations.

"Germany appears to have been the  
chief source of importations, owing  
probably to her cheap ocean freights,  
and Belgium and England. One Ameri-  
can concern sends large consignments  
to Mexico regularly. Six hundred thou-  
sand barrels was the total importation  
into Mexico for the year 1905. The  
next year it increased to 750,000 barrels;  
in 1907 it grew to over 1,000,000 barrels,  
and it is believed to amount to nearly  
double this amount the past year. The  
Mexican government imports for pub-  
lic improvement works from Europe dur-  
ing one year 520,000 barrels of cement."

## HAMILTON FLIES TO PHILADELPHIA

### SCORE BURN PINNED BENEATH DEBRIS

Montreal, Can., June 12.—The bodies of 20 bindery girls and linotype men were buried beneath tons of wrecked  
machinery and debris in the basement of the Herald building, which burned today. Many girls met death by slow  
torture.

The flames crept slowly upon them as they lay helpless.  
The victims were carried down through the building by a huge tank which plunged from the roof to the cellar.  
Thirty are injured, several fatally.

Almost instantly there was an explosion of gas from the pipes. Scores of persons in the editorial and other  
departments had to fight for their lives through the smoke and wreckage. The fire department could make little  
progress against the increasing flames.

Cries of the buried victims rose over the shouts of the firemen and the crowd.  
The police headed by a volunteer party which was protected by a water curtain formed by streams from the  
fire hose, tried to enter the building.

With the opening of the doors the groans and cries of those pinned in the ruins became more distinct. But  
just within a wall of flame suddenly arose. Gradually the cries died out.  
All attempts at rescue soon had to be abandoned.

### ROOSEVELT AT CHURCH ON SHIP

Attends Services in Steerage  
and Addresses the Immi-  
grants—Welcomes Them.

### THE RECEPTION FOR HOMECOMING

On Board Kaiserin Augusta Victoria,  
by way of wireless to Crookhaven, Ire-  
land, June 12.—Theodore Roosevelt will  
be the chief figure of a noteworthy scene  
in the steerage yesterday afternoon  
when he attended a Catholic service held  
for 1200 emigrants, Russians and Gal-  
ician Poles. The emigrants surrounded  
the altar draped in American flags and  
chanted the litany. Then Roosevelt wel-  
comed them to America and gave them  
advice against associating with stran-  
gers on landing. He exhorted them to  
be mindful of the duties of citizenship  
and protect the rights of women. The  
emigrants crowded around him to the  
conclusion and tried to kiss his hands.  
Today he addressed the crew and  
stokers and tomorrow will hold a re-  
ception for the first and second cabin  
passengers.

### The Great Reception.

New York, June 12.—Arrangements  
for the reception of Mr. Roosevelt are  
completed.  
The reception returned Gen. U. S.  
Grant when he returned from his tour  
of the world was the talk of a decade.  
The wonderful outpouring that greet-  
ed admiral Dewey and his victorious  
sailors when they came back from the  
winning of the Philippines is still an  
event of national pride.

But, if present prospects materialize,  
"Teddy day"—Saturday, June 18—will  
overshadow both in the magnitude of  
the greeting to be accorded the return-  
ing hunter.

That a million visitors are expected  
in New York is not an exaggeration.  
Hotel men report that reservations  
have been made for all rooms on that  
date and that those who apply later  
must take their chances of getting a  
place to rest.

It will be no military pageant that  
will greet America's foremost citizen.  
There will be no marching of uniformed  
clubs, with streaming banners and bat-  
ling bands, to be reviewed by Col.  
Roosevelt. Instead, the ex-president will  
do the parading, to be reviewed by his  
fellow men.

Republicans and Democrats alike will  
turn out to welcome Roosevelt, the  
citizen, Roosevelt the hunter, Roosevelt  
the lecturer; Roosevelt the politician  
will be national pride.

### Reception Committee of 300.

The Roosevelt reception committee,  
composed of 300 of the leading citizens  
of New York—men whose names are  
household words all over the nation—  
has prepared such a homecoming for  
the former president that he can go to  
his home in Oyster Bay with the realiz-

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### IS BALLINGER A GUILTY MAN?

Pinchot's Attorney Claims  
That He Is Regardless of  
Merits of Controversy.

### NOT A FRIEND OF CONSERVATION

Washington, D. C., June 12.—Briefs  
were filed by attorneys in the Ballin-  
ger-Pinchot investigation committee to-  
day. The committee will assemble Sat-  
urday to prepare for its deliberations.  
"We trust that the committee will  
record their definite conviction that the  
immediate care of the public domain is  
now in unsafe hands," says attorney  
George W. Pepper, counsel for Gifford  
Pinchot, in concluding his brief.  
Mr. Pepper says that the question  
whether Pinchot has been right and  
Ballinger wrong is less important  
than whether the administration of the  
interior department under the latter  
has been marked by fidelity to the  
public trust. He says that when Mr.  
Ballinger became secretary, he had "a  
land office training," that being equiv-  
alent, as Mr. Pepper views it, to a learn-  
ing toward a policy of distribution of  
the people's land; the secretary's point  
of view was distinctly, Pepper says,  
that of a "distributionist."

### Keen Nothing of Forestry.

"He appears to have known little or  
nothing of forestry problems," the  
brief continues. "With respect to the  
policy of power site protection, Mr.  
Ballinger testified that when he became  
secretary he knew nothing whatever  
about it. He was not accurately in-  
formed respecting the work of the  
reclamation service. But it was not  
merely that he lacked equipment but  
that he had a distinct hostility to the  
men in the government service who  
stood for conservation and distinct pre-  
judice against their views. His con-  
duct and his testimony make it clear  
that he regarded reclamation with ridi-  
cule and forestry with contempt."

"What was impending when Ballin-  
ger became secretary, was not a con-  
flict between the forest service and the  
interior department but a conflict be-  
tween distribution and conservation  
wherever and whenever the two con-  
ceptions might meet."

"The collision came quickly," he  
adds, "and this investigation is one of  
the consequences."

### No Case Against Forest Service.

Pepper refers briefly to the part  
played by the forest service in the in-  
quiry and then says: "This brief pro-  
ceeds upon the assumption that there  
is a general recognition of the failure  
of the attempt to make a case against  
the forest service."

He adds that Mr. Pinchot had no  
complaint to make because he was dis-  
missed by the president; but insists  
that the former forester was not re-  
sponsible for the published attacks on  
the conservationists.

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### HERALD BIRD MAN PROVES A WONDER

Makes Record Time in Flight  
From New York to the  
City of Quakers.

### COULD HAVE STAYED UP MUCH LONGER

Weather Was Fine and He  
Was Able to Keep Close to  
Special Train Pacing Him.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 12.—Charles  
K. Hamilton, a young aviator who  
achieved world wide fame less than a  
year ago, today made the most daring  
flight of his career, traveling in a bi-  
plane from Governor's Island, N. Y., to  
a point in the outskirts of Philadel-  
phia.

Hamilton on the return flight landed  
two miles from Perth Amboy, N. J.,  
his motor working badly. Largely, he  
thought, because he omitted to heat  
the spark plugs in Philadelphia. A  
garage furnished him new plugs and  
immediately he began preparations to  
renew his flight to New York.  
He made the trip to Philadelphia, a  
distance of 86 miles in 113 minutes, of-  
ficial time.

The speed of the flight was at an  
average of 46 miles an hour.

A feature of the achievement was the  
ease with which he followed a special  
train.

Governor Stuart welcomed Hamilton,  
who said it was the best trip he ever  
made. "I had the machine in perfect  
control all the way and could have  
stayed up much longer," he said. "The  
only drawback to the journey was the  
dauphines and cill. Most of the trip it  
was misty and at times I could not see  
the train, and seldom saw people at the  
stations."

Hamilton started on his return jour-  
ney to New York at 11:30.  
Hamilton is the man who flew over  
the Mexican border under the auspices  
of The El Paso Herald in that over-  
recently. Prior to that, he established  
a new world record for a mile flight  
and remained over a California har-  
bor in his aeroplane longer than it  
took Blériot to cross the English chan-  
nel.

### Flew With Broken Wire.

Such a little thing as a broken wire  
wire could not keep Charles K. Hamil-  
ton on the ground Sunday. In the pour-  
ing rain, Hamilton left the ground at 12  
minutes after 6 last evening and for 19  
minutes and three seconds circled the  
lower end of Governor's Island and  
hovered over the harbor.

In making his preliminary run over  
the sandy surface of the island Hamil-  
ton bumped a surveyor's stake and  
smashed a guy wire. He knew it him-  
self but nobody else did until he alight-  
ed after a beautiful flight.

Seven times he circled the island, at  
a height of perhaps 200 feet and then  
came down with a dive like a falcon  
sweeping to its prey.

This was preliminary to his flight  
to Philadelphia and return for the  
Times and the Public Ledger prize.

## BRUMBY DECLINES TO BOTHER QUARANTINE

Austin, Tex., June 12.—Dr. W. M. Brumby, state health officer, returned  
from El Paso, where he went to look into quarantine conditions at the  
international bridge connecting El Paso and Juarez, Mexico. A controversy  
recently arose there and Dr. Brumby deemed it advisable to make a personal  
inspection and he sustained the city and county officials.

As is generally known smallpox simply thrives with Mexicans, and the Mex-  
ican population has it in a large ratio. Pest camps have been established on the  
Mexican side, which attracted large numbers of indigent and other Mexicans  
suffering with smallpox. But they were not permitted to tarry long. They  
were sent to the American side and reported to the local health officers who,  
of course, had them sent to the pest camp. This got to be a good thing and  
the Mexicans were being received in large numbers.

The result was that a strict quarantine was put on, and persons enter-  
ing Texas were required to show vaccination certificates or the scar. This  
put a stop to the wholesale importation of smallpox, but aroused the Mex-  
ican authorities in Juarez, who realized with like measures. The mer-  
chants in both places felt the effect of the quarantine, but those on the Mex-  
ican side more so, as American dollars are worth two of the Mexican dol-  
lars. They made this plain to their local authorities and succeeded in secur-  
ing relief. Then the American merchants complained and Dr. Brumby went  
to El Paso, but finds that the regulations, in view of the circumstances, are  
fair and reasonable, and are really of much service to this state.

Because of this belief he has declined to interfere or order the quarantine  
materially changed. He reports the El Paso quarantine station in good order  
and enforcing the regulations.

## ELEPHANT BUTTE CASE IS BEFORE THE COURT

Socorro, N. M., June 12.—Court convened at two this afternoon and the  
grand jury was impaneled.

Arguments in the Elephant Butte case followed. This will consume all day.  
The government has won in almost everything already and only one point is  
left for decision.

Under the statutes, the commissioners must sign the report under oath.  
Commissioner Brown, of Socorro, is the only commissioner who did sign,  
but he had the consent of the others. No testimony will be taken.

Commissioner Blinger, of Hillsboro, recently died. All attorneys are present  
except United States attorney Leuby, who is represented by Mr. Davis, of  
Las Vegas.

Among other cases for the grand jury is one of mutilation and theft from  
a mail bag by a carrier from Lematlar.

It is not known when the decision in the Elephant Butte case will be ren-  
dered.

## TROUBLE IN CHIAPAS, TOO, FROM INDIANS

Mexico, City, Mexico, June 12.—With the Indian war in progress in Yucatan,  
Mexico is also confronted with a threatened uprising in the state of  
Chiapas, where several persons have already been killed. It is stated that the  
Indians declare their lands have been taken from them and have warned many  
prominent people to leave the region, while killing a number who failed to  
leave.

Down in Veracruz, the bandits are creating consternation and have made  
efforts to hold up trains and to wreck others. Many wealthy residents have  
fled from the country districts to the cities, leaving their homes at the mercy of  
the bandits if the ruffians are unable to drive them out.

This information is published in the Mexican Herald in special dispatches  
from its correspondents.

## SAFE BLOWN AT DALHART

Dalhart, Texas, June 12.—Yeggmens entered the general grocery store of  
R. P. Hutton here some time after midnight Sunday night, blew the safe with  
dynamite and secured two diamond rings, three gold watches and a large  
number of checks, silver and bills amounting to \$1600.

Tracks from the building show that two persons were concerned. One trail  
is short and one long.

R. P. Hutton is ex-sheriff of the county and is hot on their trail. Sev-  
eral deputies are out in each direction and, with favorable weather, a capture is  
early expected.